



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Carlos Ponce was found guilty yesterday by a United States District Court jury of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Court Judge, presided over the trial. On July 7, 2010, officers with the Lincoln Police Department stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Holdrege Street and Grace Street. Ponce was the front seat passenger. Ponce was then arrested on an unrelated matter. Just after a pat-down search of Ponce, the police located approximately an ounce of methamphetamine in a bag next to Ponce's foot. Upon searching the vehicle the police found a digital scale with methamphetamine and cocaine residue on the scale, a little over \$1,000 in United States currency and the driver of the vehicle was found to be carrying a butterfly knife. The jury trial began on Monday, April 18, 2011 and concluded on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

Name of Defendant: Carlos Ponce

AKA:

Age: 24

City of residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute - 5 to 40 years imprisonment, up to a \$2,000,000 fine, not less than 4 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska and later on the federal warrant in Grand Island,

Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately an ounce of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 7, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: September 3, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: September 2, 2010

Indictment Returned Date: September 21, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: September 8, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Jury Trial April 18, 2011 through April 20, 2011.

Sentencing Date: July 14, 2011 at 12:00pm.

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Sentencing hearing - July 14, 2011 at 12:00pm.

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: September 3, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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